

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace **Paragraph [0165] at Page 26, lines 21 - 25 of the original application as filed** with the following amended paragraph:

[0165] The System also requires that the User select at least one payment method 178: Visa 179a, American Express 179b, Personal Check 179c, Cashier's Check 179d, MasterCard 179e, Discover 179f, and/or Money Order 179g. The User is also given the option of requesting that the System collect credit card information and provide the information to the User so that the User can process the information 180.

Please replace **Paragraph [0192] at Page 32, lines 14 – 21 of the original application as filed** with the following amended paragraph:

[0192] Continuing with FIGS. 27a through 27c, the Shipper places 610 the Subject Parcel on the scale, such as, e.g., the scale 1024a depicted in FIG. 4, and 1024n depicted in FIG. 7. The Shipper activates the Shipping Station ActiveX Control by placing the cursor of the Shipper's PC on the Weight field 1051 (such as the Weight field 1051 depicted in FIGS. 15 and 26). The System checks the Shipper's scale configuration information to determine 611 whether the Shipper's PC is configured with a scale. If so, the System activates the System/scale interface 613. Otherwise, the user may input the weight ~~[[613]]~~612 in the Weight field 1051 as depicted in e.g., FIG. 26.

Please replace **Paragraph [0213] at Page 37, lines 9 - 14 of the original application as filed** with the following amended paragraph:

[0213] Sorted, valid delivery times 1093-1 through 1093-5 for all valid dates are displayed down the left side of the Single Day Rate Graphic Array. Above the

delivery times are up and down arrow buttons [1100a]1101a and [1100b]1101b respectively. If an up or down arrow button ([1100a]1101a and [1100b]1101b respectively) is pressed, the list of available times 1093-1 through 1093-5 will scroll up or down appropriately, if and only if the list exceeds the Single Day Rate Graphic Array display area 1096.

Please replace **Paragraph [0310] at Page 60, lines 2 - 6 of the original application as filed** with the following amended paragraph:

[0310] In the embodiment depicted, at a minimum, the System requires Source Postal Code, Destination Postal Code, Parcel Weight, Type of Shipment, and the Shipping Location in order to determine a timing schedule and rates for each supported Carrier. If the Shipper has not provided at least these minimum specifications, then the System displays error messages 1153 prompting the Shipper to input further Shipper Parcel Specifications 1150.

Please replace **Paragraph [0328] at Page 62, line 26 through Page 63, line 4 of the original application as filed** with the following amended paragraph:

[0328] Continuing with FIGS. 39a through 39c, the System then determines whether the Shipper has requested a "Call for Pickup" shipping location 1184. If so, the System accesses the Carrier Database (1404a through 1404n) to determine whether the particular Carrier/Service supports "Call for Pickup" services 1185. If the particular Carrier/Service does not support "Call for Pickup" services, then the particular Carrier/Service is eliminated from the delivery rate set 1177 and the System proceeds with the next Carrier/Service in the delivery rate set 1157.

Please replace Paragraph [0362] at Page 70, lines 26 through Page 71, line 11 of the original application as filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0362] In an eCommerce embodiment of the invention, once the Buyer selects a Carrier and Service, the System prepares a Shipping Summary Screen (63, FIG. 10d) an exemplary embodiment of which is depicted in FIG. 47. The System reports a summary of the Shipping information including the delivery address 410, the Carrier/Service 411 and the itemized and total charges for the item and shipping 412. In addition, if the Seller requested the System to collect payment information, the System provides a drop down selection menu button 413-2 which when clicked will display a list of the methods of payment 413-1 previously selected by the Seller (e.g., 179a-179g, and 180, as depicted in FIG. 21). If a credit card payment method is indicated, the Buyer is required to supply a credit card number 414, and the expiration date month 415-1 (using a drop down menu button 415-2) and year 416-1 (using a drop down menu button 416-2). The Buyer is instructed to click the Cardholder Information button 417 if the cardholder name and address are different than the shipping name and address 419. If the Cardholder and shipping information match, the Buyer clicks the Send button 418 to send the payment information to processing.

Please replace Paragraph [0363] at Page 71, lines 12 - 25 of the original application as filed with the following amended paragraph:

[0363] In an exemplary simplified Internet embodiment of the invention, the System generates a Shipping Summary Screen once the Shipper has picked a particular Carrier/Service entry from a Graphic Array comparison. FIG. 48 depicts an alternative exemplary embodiment of a Shipping Summary Screen such as in an exemplary simplified Internet embodiment of the invention. In the embodiment depicted in FIG. 48, the Shipper has picked a particular Carrier/Service entry from a Graphic Array comparison (e.g., 1065 as depicted in FIG. 36a). The Shipping Summary Screen depicted in FIG. 48 displays the Shipper Parcel

Specifications 1110 and provides a detailed list and total, of the selected Carrier's charges 1111. Clicking on the "Next" button 102 causes the display of the first of a series of several screens (not shown) requesting the necessary Shipper and Recipient information. Once the Shipper has input all of the necessary information, the Shipper is presented with a final Summary and Payment Screen (not shown), which in addition to the fields depicted in FIG. 48, further requests Payment information, such as Payment Method, Credit Card No., Expiration Date, and Credit Card Type.

Please replace **paragraph [0441] at page 87, line 23 through Page 88, line 2 of the original application as filed**, with the following amended paragraph:

[0441] As depicted in FIG. 72, if the package has not yet been delivered, the System reports the information available, e.g., the Status 2071, Last Scan 2072, Carrier 2078 and Tracking number 2080. In such a case, the System asks the User if the User want to be notified when the identified package is delivered 2090. The System provides the User with input fields to register to receive, and have sent, e-mail notification after the package is delivered. A user can enter up to three names, 2091, 2093 and 2095, and up to three e-mail addresses, 2092, 2094, and 2096, to receive the delivery confirmation. The User submits the e-mail notification (with message 2097) by clicking on the Submit button 2036-1.